

## HOUSE BILL 945 – CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

<b>BILL SPONSOR(S)</b>	Representative Silvers, Representative Webb, Health and Human Services Committee and the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE(S)</b>	July 1, 2020
<b>STATUTE(S)</b>	Amends sections 1003.02, 1004.44, 1006.04, 1002.20 and 1002.33, Florida Statutes

### SUMMARY

The bill requires a coordinated system of mental health care for children, the development of which is facilitated by each behavioral health managing entity. The system must integrate services provided through providers funded by the state's child-serving systems, as well as other systems for which children and adolescents would qualify, and facilitate access by children and adolescents to needed mental health treatment and services at any point of entry.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Requires district school boards and the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) to participate in the planning process to promote a coordinated system of mental health care for children and adolescents.
- Requires the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to develop a model response protocol for schools to use mobile response teams by August 1, 2020.
- Requires public school principals, or the principal's designee, to verify that de-escalation strategies and outreach to a mobile response team have been initiated before a law enforcement officer is contacted to remove a student for an involuntary examination, unless the delay will increase the likelihood of harm to the student or others.

### GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

<b>JULY 1, 2020</b>	The bill becomes effective
<b>AUGUST 1, 2020</b>	Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute must develop a model response protocol for schools to use mobile response teams